

Fresh Products Branch Bulletin

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DETERMINING AND REPORTING SIZE

I. PURPOSE

To describe the proper procedure for when to determine and report size.

II. POLICY

DETERMINING SIZE- Size shall be determined when performing a quality and condition inspection and:

1. The grade being applied specifies a minimum and/or maximum length, diameter, or weight.
2. If the grade has no specified size, size will only be determined if specifically requested by the applicant.

A size statement shall be determined and recorded for each sample showing the smallest specimen to the largest specimen in the sample. If an occasional specimen is clearly above or below the general minimum or maximum range, it should be ignored (General Market Handbook page 136, paragraph 396). In addition to the size statement, all applicable offsize columns shall be maintained.

REPORTING SIZE (EXCEPT TOMATOES)

When size is determined, report the size statement, including a mostly range if necessary, in the "Other" section of a paper FV-300 certificate, or the "Lot Description" section of an electronic FV-300 certificate. If the lot fails to meet a marked or specified size, show the percentage of offsize (undersize or oversize as appropriate) in the average defects column. If the lot meets the marked or specified size but has a percentage of offsize within tolerance, state "undersize/oversize/offsize within tolerance" (as applicable) after the size statement.

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The only time that a percentage of offsize is shown in the average defects column is if the lot exceeds the offsize tolerance or when determining a percentage of U.S. No. 1 Quality.

DETERMINING AND REPORTING SIZE ON REGULAR TOMATOES

Size shall always be determined and reported when performing a quality and condition inspection. Report the size statement, including a mostly range if necessary, in the "Other" section of a paper FV-300 certificate, or the "Lot Description" section of an electronic FV-300 certificate.

When containers are marked to a recognized size.

Size shall be based on either the U.S. Grade Standard size designation (small, medium, large, extra large) or a Florida Marketing Order (FMO) size. Tomatoes from non-regulated areas using a "FMO" size must have the "FMO" designation in close proximity to the size marking in order to be considered a recognized size. Include the applicable offsize column(s) on the notesheet. Report the size in the "Other" section as "Meets size as marked" or "Meets size as marked, offsize within tolerance," as appropriate.


When containers are not marked or are marked to a non-recognized size.

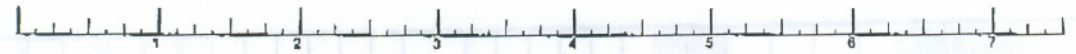
Determine and report a size range. Show the size range, including a mostly, if applicable, in the "Other" section of the certificate. Report "Fails to meet marking requirements as to size" in the grade section of the certificate.

If the applicant specifies a recognized size (S,M,L,XL, 5X6, etc.) then that size will be used. To report the size on the certificate, state "Meets size as specified" or "Meets size as specified, off-size within tolerance." In the "Remarks" section state "size determined and reported based on XXX (denote size) at applicants request."

DETERMINING AND REPORTING SIZE FOR CHERRY, GRAPE, AND PLUM TYPE TOMATOES

Size shall be determined and reported when marked to a minimum and/or maximum diameter or when specifically requested by the applicant.


for Leanne L. Skelton, Chief
Fresh Products Branch



PACK: WF SIZE: 1 7/8 to 2 1/2" D 5 3/4 to 8 1/2" L	PACK: WF SIZE: 1 7/8 to 2 3/4" D 5 1/2 to 8 1/2" L	PACK: / SIZE: /	PACK: / SIZE: /
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SCORE SHEET

PLI Number	Other ID.	TEMP.	Sample #	DK	Q	Dia Range		Length Range		L 6"	7 2 3/8"
						min	max	min	max		
(A) None	-	44	64	0	0	1 7/8	2 3/8	6	8 1/2	0	0
None	-		56	0	0	1 7/8	2 1/2	5 3/4	8 1/4	2	1
None	-		50	0	0	2	2 3/8	5 3/4	8 1/2	1	0
None	-		50	0	0	1 7/8	2 3/8	6	8	0	0
None	-	46	50	0	0	2	2 1/2	5 3/4	8 1/2	2	2
None	-	43	50	0	0	2	2 3/8	6	8 1/4	0	0
None	-		50	0	0	1 7/8	2 1/2	5 3/4	8 1/4	2	3
None	-		67	0	0	1 7/8	2 3/8	5 3/4	8 1/2	3	1
				0	0					2	2
										(0-4)	(0-6)
										2 1/4	6
(B) None	-	44	54	0	0	2	2 1/2	5 1/2	8	1	3
None	-	45	47	0	0	1 7/8	2 1/4	6	7 1/4	5	1
None	-		48	0	0	1 7/8	2 1/2	5 1/2	8 1/2	4	2
None	-		51	1	0	2 1/4	2 1/2	6	8	0	0
None	-	45	52	0	0	2	2 3/4	5 3/4	8 1/2	5	1
				1/2	X					6	3
										(0-11)	(0-6)

REMARKS / RESTRICTIONS / SPI

CARLOT Basis: <u>99</u> HOURLY Basis: <u>45</u> TRAVEL Time: EXPENSES: EBT. TOTAL: <u>144</u>	REPORTED TO: <u>Mike</u> DATE: <u>7/2</u> TIME: <u>9:15</u> REQUESTED BY: DATE: TIME:	INSPECTED BY: <u>Joe Q Inspector</u> ASSISTED BY:
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A: NUMBER SIZE UNIT GRADE ACCOUNT		B: NUMBER SIZE UNIT GRADE ACCOUNT		C: NUMBER SIZE UNIT GRADE ACCOUNT		D: NUMBER SIZE UNIT GRADE ACCOUNT		APPLICANT NUMBER		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE FRUIT & VEGETABLE DIVISION	
QUANTITY: FLAT, CRATE, MOVERS O.T. TIME:		O.T. TIME:		O.T. TIME:		O.T. TIME:		O.T. TIME:		O.T. TIME:	

DATE PREFIX & LOT IDENTIFICATION: FT 12005 IPA		LOADING: Loaded - LO Pallet - PU Unloaded - UL No Load - LL		INSPECTION NOTESHEET U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE FRUIT & VEGETABLE DIVISION	
CERTIFICATE NUMBER: T-3456789-0		INSPECTION STARTED: m m d d y y Hour Min. A/P 07/05/05 11:00 10 AM		INSPECTION COMPLETED: m m d d y y Hour Min. A/P 07/05/05 12:05 11 PM	
CARRIER NO. STATED BY: Inspector		SHIPPER: The Tomato Queen		APPLICANT: Test Applicant	
ADDITIONAL LOT ID.: Po 1492		ADDRESS: Washington DC		ADDRESS: Cedarville NJ	
CARRIER TYPE / NAME: Mec Ref Trailer		REFRIGERATION UNIT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON <input type="checkbox"/> OFF <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		CONDITION OF CARRIER: /	
INSPECTION SITE: Applicant Store					

A: PRODUCT: Tomatoes NUMBER OF CONTAINERS: 800 cartons TEMP. COUNT: Y TEMPERATURES: 50-54		BRANDS / MARKS: "The Tomato Queen" T&I Produce Cedarville NJ Net 25 lbs Produce of USA marked XL	
B: PRODUCT: Tomatoes NUMBER OF CONTAINERS: 200 cartons TEMP. COUNT: Y TEMPERATURES: 51-55		same as "A" except marked 6x6	
C: PRODUCT: Tomatoes NUMBER OF CONTAINERS: 200 cartons TEMP. COUNT: Y TEMPERATURES: 52-56		same as "A" except marked FMO 5x6	
D: PRODUCT: Plum Tomatoes NUMBER OF CONTAINERS: 200 cartons TEMP. COUNT: Y TEMPERATURES: 53-57		"Romas Everywhere" T&I Produce Cedarville NJ Net 25 lbs Produce of USA	

Condition of Load & Containers:
 STACKED ON PALLETS AT ABOVE LOCATION INTACT THROUGH LOAD PARTLY UNLOADED

2 pallets wide 8 layers

PREFIX: FT NUMBER: 2005 STATE: NJ		Loading: L O		Applicant: Test Certificate		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE			
Carrier / Lot ID Stated by: Inspector		Additional Lot ID: PO 1492		Address: Washington DC		INSPECTION CERTIFICATE K - 3456789-0			
Carrier Type / Name: Mechanically Refrigerated Trailer		Doors: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Closed		Shipper: The Tomato Queen		Insp. Site: Applicant's Store			
Refrigeration Unit: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On <input type="checkbox"/> Off		Insp. Site: Applicant's Store		Date: 07/05/05		Time: 1010 A M			
Lot	TEMPERATURES		Product	Brand / Markings	Origin	Lot ID / SIZE	Number of Containers	Insp. Cont.	
A.	50	to 54	Tomatoes	"Tomato Queen" 25 lbs	N J	XL	800 Cartons	Y	
B.	51	to 55	Tomatoes	"Tomato Queen" 25 lbs	N J	6X6	200 Cartons	Y	
C.	52	to 56	Tomatoes	"Tomato Queen" 25 lbs	N J	FMO 5X6	200 Cartons	Y	
D.	53	to 57	Plum Tomatoes	"Romas Everywhere" 25 lbs	N J	-----	200 Cartons	Y	
O	AVERAGE EFFECTS		OFFSIZE / DEFECTS				OTHER		
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
A.	05	02	00	Quality Defects (Scars, not fairly well formed)			SIZE		
	00	00	00	Decay			Lot A: Meets size as marked,		
	05	02	00	Checksum			Undersize within tolerance		
B.	04	00	00	Quality Defects (Scars, catfaces)			Lot B: 2- 1/4 to 3- 1/4 inches diameter		
	02	02	02	Decay (Early Stages)					
	06	02	02	Check Sum			Lot C: Fails to meet size as marked		
C.	13	00	00	Undersize (Less than 2- 25/32 inch diameter) (12 to 14%)			Lot D: 1 to 2-1/4 inches diameter		
	05	01	00	Quality Defects (Scars, not fairly well formed)					
	00	00	00	Decay					
	18	01	00	CheckSum			COLOR: Average Approximately		
D.	00	00	00	Quality			Lots A, B & C: 100% Light Red to Red		
	03	03	03	Decay (Early Stages)			Lot D: 95% Light Red to Red Color		
	03	03	03	Check Sum					
GRADE: Lot A: US No 1		Lot B: US No 1- Fails to meet marking requirements as to size							
Lot C: US No 1 Fails to meet size as marked		Lot D US No 1							
REMARKS: Inspection Performed during process of unloading. Lot D: Size reported at applicants request									
WARNING: Any person who knowingly shall falsely make, issue, after, forge, or counterfeit this certificate, or participate in any such actions, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.				I, the undersigned, a duly authorized inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture, do hereby certify that at the request of the applicant and on the date indicated, samples of the herein described product were inspected and the quality and/or condition as shown by said samples were as herein stated.				ESTIMATED TOTAL	
Inspector's Signature				Joe Q Inspector				Market Office: Headquarters	
								EXAMPLE	

FORM FV-300 (10-90) Replaces FV-303 (4-85) and FV-305 (1-90) which are obsolete